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23 July 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : U-2 Aircraft on Loan to SAC

1. Approximately two weeks ago at one of the daily Director's meetings, I obtained the Director's approval for retaining one of the three aircraft that was on loan to SAC for the [redacted] after we had pulled it back for a periodic inspection. It appeared to me that two aircraft would meet the COMOR requirements and would leave us with two aircraft to accomplish all of our requirements, a list of which is attached. 25X1

2. After I cleared this with the Director, I notified Colonel Stealdey and asked him to follow up to make sure this was agreeable to SAC. On 23 July Colonel Stealdey called and informed me that SAC insists that they need three aircraft to accomplish the present COMOR requirements which are to cover approximately 15 priority targets once a week and entire [redacted] coverage once a week, if possible. On reviewing the flights actually made during the last two weeks, I find they have averaged about one flight per day, although on a couple of days, two sorties were run and on one day three sorties were accomplished. 25X1 25X1

3. I would like to retain two aircraft at [redacted] to meet my requirements; but on the other hand, I believe SAC has a legitimate requirement for three if the weather pattern permits two sorties on any given day. I am informed informally that SAC would like to return to utilizing their own aircraft, [redacted] knowing the Director's feelings about the [redacted] I do not know whether to approach him on this or not. Would you bring up this problem at the morning's Director's meeting? 25X1

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(Signed) Jack C. Ledford

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Attachment
Aircraft Requirements
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